Principal’s Report

When term 4 began last Monday there were 17 school days left before the VCE exams commence.

Parents and families can help by being there to support their children whilst they are revising and ensuring their children balance their time. Cramming is something that we would not encourage. It is vitally important to maintain normal routines in terms of sleep, meals and relaxation. Sleep is a vitally important ingredient and it is important that regular sleep patterns are maintained.

Teachers have and will continue to practice examination techniques with their students. Students can refine their skills through constant practice and need to identify areas for improvement after completing each practice exam. Exams have clear rules and required techniques. Timing and pacing are key elements.

Exam preparation has some parallels with sport. You need to be able to enter the examination room in peak physical and mental condition in order to perform to the best of your ability. And as with sport, exam preparation is also a test of character. Often it is the most determined and motivated student who performs best.

Again a reminder to parents that students need to wear hats at recess and lunchtime during terms 1 and 4. Could you please support the school by ensuring your child has an appropriate hat to wear.

Branko Lukic—Principal

Calendar

Term 4
Monday 13th—17th October
Tuesday 21st
Wednesday 22nd
Thursday 23rd
Monday 27th
Wednesday 29th
Monday 3rd November
Tuesday 4th
Wednesday 5th-7th
Thursday 6th
Tuesday 11th
Tuesday 11th—14th
Thursday 20th –23rd
Monday 24th-27th
Friday 28th
Monday 1st—12th December
Tuesday 16th
Friday 19th

Semester 2
Girls Work Experience
SSV Athletics
Last Day Year 12
Year 8 NCCC Orientation
NCD Clay Target and Bowls
9-10 Super 8s Cricket
Year 12 Exams begin
PUPIL FREE DAY
Melbourne Cup Day PUPIL FREE DAY
Year 10 Camp Melbourne
7-8 Super 8’s Cricket
Rotary Debate
Year 9 Camp
RACV Energy Breakthrough
Year 10-11 Exams
Report Writing Day PUPIL FREE DAY
STEPPING UP PROGRAM
Presentation Night
Last Day of Term. 2.30pm Dismissal
**** Year 7 News ****

It is hard to believe that we are into the final term of 2014. In only eight weeks these students’ will be ‘Stepping Up’ into Year 8 and finishing their year with two weeks of transition into their new year level.

This week has started very positively for most students. It is, however a timely reminder of the importance of having enough class materials for the final ten weeks of school and really settling into using their diary consistently. A number of boys have been attending their classes with no pencil cases and not even pens or pencils which severely interrupts both their own and others learning. These items are usually low cost and easily replaced from around the home so please check with your child.

In form assembly this week we revisited the classroom expectations and the way that reports are formulated. Students discussed the importance of the values in relation to achieving better on their reports.

Respect – works well with others, behaves appropriately
Responsibility - completes homework, completes classwork, submits work on time, is organised
Resilience – seeks help, grasps skills and concepts, applies effort
Examples of how to demonstrate each of these to attain an improved report this term were provided.

Good luck to our Year 7 students who will be representing the college at Loddon Mallee Region in Bendigo this week. Our relay team of Nick Myers, Jesse Reyne, Jack Davidson and Charlie Ferguson will represent the school very well on the day and in other events too. Hopefully we bring home a medal on the day.

A reminder about the importance of appropriate uniforms. If students are out of uniform they need to bring a note from home and obtain a uniform pass from Mrs McCormick. In addition please ensure that girls’ jewellery, hair items, nail polish etc is kept to a minimum.

Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7

**English Basics**

**Humanities** – Rainforest Thinkers Keys (well overdue). New topic – Ancient Greece

**Science** – 7A – beginning Body Systems, 7B – beginning Simple Machines (Lego)

**PE** – sports clothes required on both Monday and Thursday for all of Term 4

Maths Mate Term

Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**PARENTS’ CLUB**

**Meeting Dates 2014** – 7pm at the Botanical Hotel for tea.
Our final meeting for the year will be 10th November at the Botanical at 8pm, all welcome.

We wish all the year 12 students success with their final weeks and best of luck with their exams.
NCD ATHLETICS SPORTS

On Wednesday 10th September St. Arnaud Secondary College competed at the interschool Athletics Sports in Charlton. The students were well-behaved and it was good to see that every single event had a St Arnaud student in it. The students that represented the school can hold their heads up high. I am proud to be a staff member associated with such a wonderful group of students. These students gave their best throughout the day. Many stepped up to fill events which was great to see. As sports coordinator I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all students who represented the college at the athletics sports.

Three students won age group champions on the day. These students were:

Nick Myers (13 years boys)
Jordan Harris (16 years boys)
Anika Torney (20 years girls)

St Arnaud won the overall competition and also won the girls, boys, intermediate and senior shields.

The college had many winners throughout the day. These students have now earned the right to represent the college at the Loddon Mallee Region Athletics Carnival in Bendigo on Thursday 9th of October. We wish them well in their endeavours.

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Maddi Lonergan
Sports Coordinator

2015 Year 11 and 12 Mathematics Studies

Any students undertaking VCE Units 1, 2, 3 or 4 Mathematics studies in 2015 require a TIINPIRE Graphics Calculator. The school has a special arrangement with the company ABACUS. They have organised a calculator for $185 plus extras. If you would like to make a purchase through ABACUS please complete the order on line, as attached, and purchase the calculator yourself. Please then inform Mrs Jackson of the purchase. All ABACUS calculators will be delivered to the school late next January and can be collected from Mrs Jackson in 2015. Alternatively, students may purchase the calculator from the booklist; however, it is slightly more costly and has limited warranty support.

All enquires should be directed to Mrs Jackson.
ST ARNAUD SECONDARY COLLEGE
STUDENT CALCULATOR ORDERS

PORTAL OPEN FOR ORDERS BETWEEN
7th OCTOBER 2014 – 15th JANUARY 2015
*ANY LATE ORDERS WILL BE CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL $12.95 DELIVERY FEE

STEP 1: GO TO www.abacuscalkulators.com.au

STEP 2: ENTER YOUR SCHOOL ID CODE ON HOME PAGE TO LOG IN: STARNAUD

STEP 3: SELECT CALCULATOR TINSPRIRE CX CAS FOR $185.00inc GST, ACCESSORIES & PAY FOR YOUR ORDER

STEP 4: CALCULATORS DELIVERED TO SCHOOL FOR DISTRIBUTION START OF TERM 1 2015 BY THE HEAD OF MATHEMATICS, MRS JACKSON

CALL 1800 998 424 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES

PLEASE SEE CONDITIONS BELOW:
• N/B ALL CALCULATORS ARE COVERED BY A 2-YEAR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT WARRANTY
• WARRANTY: PLEASE KEEP A RECEIPT COPY AS PROOF OF PURCHASE. THE STUDENT’S NAME WILL ALSO BE REGISTERED AT ABACUS.
• N/B COMPANY POLICY: NO REFUNDS GIVEN ON INCORRECT PURCHASE

YEAR 11 and YEAR 12 Mathematical Studies 2015
Please see Mrs Jackson if you require further information
On Monday 1st of September, St. Arnaud Secondary College held a school’s Relay For Life. The event was attended by St. Arnaud Secondary College students and families, St. Arnaud Primary School, St Patricks Primary school and St Arnaud Rotary Club members.

The students in the Personal Development Skills class as part of their Year 12 Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning organised the event, having an ultimate goal of raising $1000 for Cancer Council research. Not only did they meet this goal, but they smashed it by raising around $1600. This was made possible by generous business owners and the general public who donated cash and prizes.

An opening ceremony started the day where the walkers assembled on the track and the Relay For Life oath was read out. The event ran very smoothly with the rain holding off for the most of the day, only to pour down around 3:30pm. However, this didn’t dampen spirits with people still walking throughout the rainy conditions. The event concluded with a closing ceremony where candles were lit inside paper bags onto which walkers had written meaningful messages.

The Year 12 VCAL PDS class sincerely thank the Lions Club for the use of their barbeques, the St. Arnaud Urban Fire Brigade for cooking the barbeque, as well as other people who helped out on the day. Thank you, we could not have raised this amount of money without you.

**VCAL Back row - Bradley Williams, Simon Elliott, Jackson Birthisel, Shane Organ.**

**Front row – Celeste Bracey & Jayde Medlyn**
Welcome back! Hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Hard to believe we are already in the last term for the year.

Last term 15 Year 10 students attended the 2 day Pre-Drivers Ed Program at Charlton. Students were tested on both theory and practical driving skills, and from this, 5 students from our school have been selected to compete in the ‘Young Driver of the Year Competition’ held in Melbourne in November. The following students are to be congratulated on this wonderful achievement: Pat Knights, Leetyn McKenzie, Eric Woollett, Jasmine Harvey and Katie Hamilton.

The girls are off to work experience next week as part of their Industry and Enterprise subject. The students have been busy over the past term organising and preparing for their week in the workforce. Hopefully they will all have an enjoyable week and develop their skills and knowledge in their chosen area.

Year 10 Camp information letters were sent home at the end of Term 3. The camp has been designed to develop students sense of responsibility in an urban environment; increase understanding of career pathways; teach students how to access and utilise public transport; increase teamwork, problem solving and thinking skills, as well help students understand the social issues that arise in heavily populated areas. As this is an educational program, it is expected that ALL students attend.

Just a reminder - it is Term 4 and the weather is warming up, so it is time to get the hats back out for recess and lunch times.

Any questions/queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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St. Arnaud Lawn Tennis Club – Junior Tennis REGISTRATIONS

- Beginners/Coaching from 8 years of age.
- Competition players (up to 18 years of age) must be able to serve and hold a rally.
- **Wednesday 15th October**
- Time: 4pm – 5.30pm
- At the Lawn Tennis Club House – Ballarat Road
- Membership: $50 + $2 ball/grounds fee each week. There are also family memberships available (please enquire).
  - If unable to attend registration please contact Trudie Jackson (0429998257) or Tammie Wright at Primary School.
- Season commences 22nd October at 3.50pm for competition players and 4.15pm for beginners.
- All new and existing members most welcome!:)